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SUBJ: FORTHCOMING ELCTION - NO. 7 - FIRST
CAMPAIGN POLLS

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SUMMARY. FIRST TWO WEEKS OF ELECTORAL CAMPAIGN HAVE
BEEN ASTONISHINGLY SLOW. OLD-LINE PARTIES, FEELING
THE GROUND GINGERLY FOR ISSUES THAT MIGHT EFFECTIVELY
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JUSTIFY THEIR TRADITIONAL ROLES, WERE SHOCKED BY FIRST

POLLS TAKEN DURING CAMPAIGN, WHICH SHOWED VOTERS MOVING IN DROVES TO TWO NEW PROTEST PARTIES, THE PROGRESSIVES AND THE CENTER DEMOCRATS. END SUMMARY.

1. ELECTION CAMPAIGN HAS GOTTEN OFF TO SLOW START DUE PRIMARILY TO GENERAL UNCERTAINTY AS TO BASIC ISSUES. OLD-LINE PARTIES, FLOUNDERING AROUND FOR EFFECTIVE MEANS TO STEM TIDE OF DEFECTIONS TO NEW PROTEST PARTIES, HAVE FAILED TO FIND ANYTHING MORE INSPIRING THAN THE "SAFETY AND SECURITY" OF THE TRADITIONAL SYSTEM - "DON'T GAMBLE WITH YOUR FUTURE" (SOCIAL DEMOCRATS), "SECURITY, COOPERATION, STABILITY" (CONSERVATIVES) AND "KEEP A COOL HEAD" (RADICAL LIBERALS).

2. RATE OF INFLATION HAS BEGUN TO PLAY AN INCREASING ROLE AS NOVEMBER COST-OF-LIVING STATISTICS SHOWED HIGHEST MONTHLY INCREASE FOR LAST SEVEN YEARS, 2.4 POINTS OVER 124.0 BASE. APPEARS CERTAIN NOW THAT JANUARY 1 COST-OF-LIVING FIGURES WILL REQUIRE THREE WAGE BONUSES (EACH OF ABOUT 3 PERCENT) TO BE PAID COMMENCING MARCH 1, WITH POSSIBILITY OF THREE MORE DURING COURSE OF 1974. IN RESPONSE TO THESE FORECASTS, RADICAL LIBERAL (R) LEADER HILMAR BAUSGAARD HAS CALLED FOR THREE-MONTH PRICE AND WAGE FREEZE. MODERATE LIBERALS, REFLECTING AGRICULTURAL INTERESTS, INSTEAD PROPOSED FREEZE OF THE THREE WAGE BONUSES. SOCIALIST PEOPLES PARTY (SF) HAVE, ON THE OTHER HAND, AGREED TO PRICE FREEZE FOR INDEFINITE PERIOD FOLLOWED BY "ADJUSTMENT" OF WAGES IN LINE WITH PRICE CONTROLS. DEALING WITH INCOMES AND PRICES WILL PROBABLY BE FIRST PRIORITY ITEM FACING NEW GOVERNMENT, AND THIS MAY CONSEQUENTLY BECOME MORE SIGNIFICANT ELECTION ISSUE.

3. TWO PROTEST PARTIES MAKING FIRST APPEARANCES IN THIS ELECTION, THE ANTI-TAX PROGRESSIVE PARTY (P) AND ERHARD JAKOBSEN'S CENTER DEMOCRATS (CD), HAVE BEEN PLAGUED WITH DIFFICULTIES IN CANDIDATES CAN BE NOMINATED IN ANY DISTRICT THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY, BUT CAN RUN IN ONLY ONE. PULLING AND HAULING ON NOMINATIONS BETWEEN LOCAL DISTRICT ORGANIZATION AND THE CENTRAL LEADERSHIP, WHICH

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IS CONCERNED WITH INSURING A UNIFORM PARTY POLICY, HAS LED IN SOME CASES TO THREE NOMINEES SIMULTANEOUSLY DESCENDING ON ONE DISTRICT, EACH CLAIMING TO BE THE PARTY'S CANDIDATE FOR THAT DISTRICT. CONSEQUENTLY BOTH MOGENS GLISTRUP (P) AND ERHARD JAKOBSEN (CD) HAVE HAD LITTLE TIME TO DEVOTE TO SERIOUS CAMPAIGNING.

4. WHETHER ANY CAMPAIGNING IS NECESSARY BY THESE PARTIES

SEEMS TO BE A MATTER OF DOUBT GIVEN THE STRONG SHOWING THEY MADE IN FIRST POLLS TO BE CONDUCTED AFTER START OF CAMPAIGN. OBSERVA POLL TAKEN NOV. 14 SHOWED CD WOULD BE THIRD LARGEST PARTY, WHILE BORSEN POLL OF NOV. 21 INDICATED P AND CD WOULD GET 12 AND 10 PERCENT RESPECTIVELY OF TOTAL VOTE. BOTH POLLS SHOWED SOCIAL DEMOCRATS SUFFERING NEAR CATASTROPIC LOSSES, WITH OTHER ESTABLISHED PARTIES, EXCEPT RADICAL AND SOCIALIST PEOPLES PARTY, ALSO LOSING. PERCENT OF VOTE EACH PARTY WOULD RECEIVE AS FOLLOWS:

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	ELECTION	OBSERVA	BORSEN
SOCIAL DEMOCRATS(S)	37	22	21
RADICAL LIBERALS(R)	14.3	14	15
MODERATE LIBERALS (V)	15.6	12	11
CONSERVATIVES(K)	16.7	11	12
SOCIALIST PEOPLES(SF)	9.1	9	8
PROGRESSIVES(P)	-	10	12
CENTER DEMOCRATS(CD)	-	16	10
OTHER PARTIES	7.3	6	11

5. ELECTION PROGRAMMING ON TV (ONE PARTY EACH NIGHT) HAS FEATURED SMALLER PARTIES THUS FAR. SOME VOTES MAY SWING BACK TO OLD-LINE PARTIES FOLLOWING THEIR PRESENTATION ON DAYS JUST PRECEDING ELECTION, BUT WITH LITTLE OVER ONE WEEK LEFT, GENERALIZED MOOD OF PROTEST APPEARS TO BE INCREASINGLY SIGNIFICANT FACTOR IN CAMPAIGN.
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